

Today in Corps history:
Nov. 14, 1966: The first four-year Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps unit is commissioned.

Source: Marine Corps History

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Clothing narrowly escapes 2nd loss to CVIC

Clothing managed to get retribution for its only loss of the season when they defeated CVIC 21-20 in Marine Corps Community Services-South Carolina intramural ...

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Local News

USCB REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW

The University of South Carolina - Beaufort is now taking registration for the Spring semester. Classes will be held on Parris Island as well as the Air Station and at the downtown Beaufort USCB offices. For a class schedule and listing, visit www.sc.edu/beaufort or call the Depot Education Office at 228-2107.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

A social will be held for potential Marine Corps League members at the Four Winds Club Wednesday, from 7 - 8 p.m. The event is open to anyone who wants to be a part of the Yellow Footprints Detachment of the MCL aboard the Depot. A \$25 registration fee is required for all members. For more information, call Master Gunnery Sgt. Donald Garland at 228-3165.

“BURY THE BUTT” NHB 5K RUN NOV. 20

Naval Hospital Beaufort is hosting a 5K Run Nov. 20 at 11:30 a.m. Entry fee is free to smokers pledging to quit, \$5 before Nov. 18 and \$10 after and the day of the race. To register, contact Ivete Dixon at 228-5344.

GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT NOV. 20

To commemorate the Great American Smokeout Nov. 20, Semper Fit Health Promotion will have health care professions and other experts at the Marine Corps Exchange from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. There will be free referrals and incentives to help tobacco users quit.

On the Web

KEEP UP-TO-DATE ON HILTON HEAD EVENTS

Find out about all the local happenings on Hilton Head Island at www.hiltonhead.com/events.

The Web site includes links to upcoming events like the Hilton Head Bridge 5/10 K Run Saturday. Visitors to the site can also find a calendar of activities, local map and lists of local restaurants, shopping and attractions.

Out in Town

U.S. NAVY BAND JAZZ COMMODORES SHOW

The U.S. Navy Band Jazz Commodores will be performing a free concert Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at The Armstrong Atlantic State University Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is free. For ticketing information, call 927-5381 or visit www.finearts.armstrong.edu.

The school is located on Savannah's Southside at 11935 Abercorn St.

HISTORIC PORT ROYAL HOSTS OYSTER FEST

Join Historic Port Royal Foundation for its annual Oyster Roast Saturday at Live Oak Park on 14th Street in Port Royal, from 3 - 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 524-4333

Weather



Friday
Few Showers
Hi 61 Low 42
Saturday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 64 Low 47
Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 62 Low 53

CPL. THOMAS PERRY

STAFF WRITER

Staff Sgt. Christopher Clark, a drill instructor from India Company, 3rd RTBn., represented the Depot in the Drill Instructor of the Year board at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., Oct. 27.

With an island in his corner and the confidence of company-, battalion- and regimental-level board victories on his side, Clark took on Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's representative Staff Sgt. Terrence C. Whitcomb.

The annual competition is known Corps-wide to be fierce, and pits the top drill instructors against one another. Only one man can be named the Corps' top drill instructor, and this year, Whitcomb, and for all intensive purposes, San Diego narrowly defeated Clark and Parris Island.

Although Clark lost the final competition, being named the Depot's top drill



instructor is no small accomplishment, and he has not lost the true focus of his demanding occupation.

“Our job is to produce the best basically trained Marines possible, and to help your fellow drill instructors along the way,” said Clark, who continued to train his recruits throughout the board process.

The St. Albans, Vt., native is by no

“The biggest competition should be with yourself. You can never allow yourself to give up. You take what you learned the day before and apply it today.”

- Staff Sgt. Christopher Clark, the Depot's 2003 Drill Instructor of the Year

means a braggart. He sounded almost embarrassed when asked how he felt when he was named the Depot's top D.I. “I was excited, honored and humbled,” said Clark. “I was proud to represent, not only India Company, but also the entire recruit training process.”

That process demands countless hours and unrelenting discipline of its facilitators – the drill instructors. They must

Cold SOP begins on Depot, brings training changes

CPL. JENNIFER BROFER

STAFF WRITER

When the season changes from fall to winter and frosty temperatures creep up onto the Depot, Standard Operating Procedures for Recruit Training mean more than simply rolling down sleeves come Dec. 1.

Cold SOP, which went into effect Oct. 24, means recruits will be issued more gear to include beanies, gloves, cold weather sleeping bags and poly-propylene tops and bottoms to ward off those winter chills that may hinder recruit training.

Although several factors go into account when dealing with the dropping temperatures, Gunnery Sgt. William S. Slade, Recruit Training Regiment operations chief, ensured that the dropping temperatures will not mean a drop in recruit training.

“Nothing really is affected ... It's all situational,” he said. “You'll see recruits on that [physical training] table doing P.T. whether it's Dec. 31 or July 31.”

The only way the cold weather would stop recruit

training is if it was 32 degrees or below, depending on the amount of precipitation, said Slade.

“If it's just cold, we'll still be training,” he said. “But if it's cold and wet, we'll look at modified training.”

Also, when it gets especially cold, recruits will be provided “hot wets,” which is basically a hot soup used to help keep the chills at bay.

“They'll get hot wets if they're sitting to warm the core, and they'll have [additional] gear to warm the outside of the body,” said Slade.

Slade said the only one who may modify or cancel any training is the unit commander, but the drill instructors will continue to take the necessary precautions to ensure safety is upheld at all times.

“Drill instructors are going to use common sense,” he said. “They're still going to do training, but they're not going to have recruits snapping in on a puddle of water. If they see it's cold outside, they'll have the recruits wear beanies and gloves.”

To protect themselves against the frigid winds,

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Remembering those who served ...



Cpl. Jennifer Brofer

Gunnery Sgt. Grady May, drum major for the Parris Island Marine Band, leads the band in playing the ‘Marines’ Hymn during the Veterans Day parade Tuesday. After the parade, a ceremony was held featuring Brig. Gen. Joseph J. McMenamin as the keynote speaker, to honor the veterans who sacrificed themselves for their country and to those who paid the ultimate price for freedom.



Cpl. Alisha R. Fitzgerald

Sergeant Brian S. Wortman, Inchon Range Coach, WFTBn., fires during the slow fire portion of the WFTBn. Fiscal Year 2004 Intramural Pistol Match at the WFTBn. pistol range Nov. 5. Wortman finished the match with a two-day score of 402, seventh out of 33 participants.

WFTBn. Marine dominates intramural shooting match

CPL. ALISHA R. FITZGERALD

STAFF WRITER

Depot Marines gathered to compete for the Commanding General's Cup at the Fiscal Year 2004 Intramural Rifle/Pistol Competition at WFTBn. Oct. 27 – Nov. 5.

Thirty-three Marines from units across the Depot competed individually and as teams, firing rifles and pistols from several different courses of fire.

For the rifle match, individual scores were taken from a two-day course of fire. Marines shot 20 rounds of slow fire standing and 10 rounds of rapid fire sitting from the 200-yard line. They also had to shoot 10 rounds prone in 60 seconds from the 300-yard line and 20 rounds of slow fire prone in 20 minutes from the 500-yard line.

On the 200-yard line, Marines fired at

able targets, which measure 12 inches in diameter with a three-inch V-ring or bull's eye. From the 500- and 300-yard line, the baker target, measuring 20 inches in diameter, with a 16-inch V-ring, was used.

For the Pistol Match, Marines fired 10 rounds slow fire and 10 rounds in 20 seconds from the 20-yard line. They also shot two magazines of five rounds rapid fire.

Staff Sgt. Jerry R. Fenton, the staff NCOIC at Chosin Range, won both the individual rifle and pistol competitions. His two-day total for the rifle was 539 out of a possible 600 points. For the pistol, his two-day total was 457 out of 600.

This was the first time Fenton had shot competitively in more than four years. Before getting orders to Parris Island about

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